

**CITY OF SAN JOSÉ**  
**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

6:00 P.M., Monday, January 9, 2006  
New City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St, 7th Fl, Room T847  
San José, CA

**MINUTES**

**1. Call To Order/Roll Call**

The regular meeting of the City of San José Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was called to order at 6:05 pm. No quorum existed.

Members Present

Lawrence DeSantis  
Eugene Cordero  
Bob Halem  
Charlie Payne

Guests

Martin Delson

Staff

John Brazil, DOT

Members Absent

Bill Ruffner  
Darla Sasaki  
Neda Dorjath  
Bart Thielges  
Allan Williams  
Katja Irvin  
Luis Mendez

**2. Approve Order of Business – Approved.**

**3. Oral Petitions –** Martin Delson said some Pedestrian Over Crossings (POC) need maintenance work, and he asked which agency maintains them. Staff explained there are at least nine POC's in San Jose, and that usually the agency responsible for the road over which the POC runs is also responsible for the POC. Staff will look into the matter.

**4. Approve Minutes of December 12, 2005 –** No quorum existed.

**5. Review Citywide Bike Plan Update, Final Draft –** Committee members restated there requests from the previous meeting.

**6. Discussion: Annual Committee Priorities –** Committee members continued their discussion on identifying top priorities for calendar 2006. The following possibilities were considered:

Sharrows: These Shared Bicycle Markings are pavement markings that provide additional information and guidance to bicyclists and motorists in situations where there is inadequate space to install Bike Lanes. Sharrows were recently approved by Caltrans on roads with on-street parallel parking, where bicyclists are at greater risk of being doored. Studies have shown these pavement markings improve the position of both motorists and bicyclists. The Committee would like to use Sharrows to fill gaps in Bike Lane corridors.

Bike Signal Detection: Currently, the City of San José has no policy to provide signal detection and pavement markings for bicyclists. As a result, at many signals in San José, bicyclists have no way to activate a signal and receive a green light. Even where pedestrian signal push buttons exist, the push buttons are often in locations not safely accessible by bicyclists. Caltrans has approved standards for Bike Signal Detection and pavement markings. The Committee would like the City to adopt a standard and beginning installing them at appropriate locations (namely where signals rest on red).

Pedestrian Signal Timing: The Committee would like the City to review existing standards defining the time pedestrians are provided to cross streets. Opportunities may exist to better accommodate pedestrians and improve safety. This subject will be addressed in the upcoming Pedestrian Master Plan and ADA Transition Plan updates during 2006.

Bikeway Signage: Install numbered bikeway signs with mileage and destination information. See Caltrans standard SG45.

Bike Parking: Obtain additional funding and staffing to install more public bike parking throughout the City.

Pedestrian Countdown Signals: Obtain additional funding and staffing to install Pedestrian Countdown Signals at all locations with existing pedestrian signal heads.

Bike/Ped Diversion Program: Work with the Traffic Court System and SJPD to create a Traffic School type of program for bicyclists and pedestrians. The program could include: informing bicyclists and pedestrians of dangerous behaviors to avoid and safe behaviors to adopt; rewarding individuals exhibiting safe behaviors such as using crosswalks; warning and ticketing individuals who behaved unsafely; allowing ticketed individuals to attend Bike/Ped traffic school for free, in place of paying the ticket. Such a program would require significant resources from the Traffic Court system, SJPD, and the Department of Transportation.

Gap Closures: Focus resources on closing gaps in pedestrian facilities and the Bicycle Transportation Network. This could include projects such as installing sidewalks, pedestrian over crossings or bike lanes to connect existing facilities currently separated by a physical barrier.

SJPD Bike Patrol Ride-Along: Contact the SJPD Bike Patrol Program and request an opportunity for BPAC members to meet and ride along with them.

Annual Awards for Friends of Bicyclists and Pedestrians: Create an annual award recognizing local individuals who have improved bicycle and pedestrian accommodations in San José.

LAB Bicycle Friendly Communities Award: Apply for a League of American Bicyclists (LAB) Bicycle Friendly Communities award, which are awarded to cities that provide outstanding bicyclist accommodation.

The Committee agreed to prioritize these projects as follows (A is first, D is last).

- A. LAB Bicycle Friendly Community application
- B. Bikeway Signage and Bike Signal Detectors (tied)
- C. Annual Awards and Gap Closures (tied)
- D. Pedestrian Countdown Signals and Bike Patrol Ride-a-long (tied)

7. **Receive Staff Report** – Staff provided information on the following items: (a) Bike Ped Program Web Page – a part-time intern is beginning work on a program web page with a variety of bike and pedestrian info; (b) Amgen Tour of California – this new professional

bike race will have two stages in San Jose on February 21 & 22, 2006; (c) Bike Shop Outreach – staff requested help distributing bike maps and Bike Skills Class fliers to bike shops; (d) Campbell Los Gatos Creek Trail Closure – staff relayed a notice from the City of Campbell indicating temporary trail closure; (e) Bill Bliss Trial – staff reported that the motorist who hit and killed Bill Bliss was convicted at trial; and (f) Guadalupe River & Hwy 237 – staff forwarded a flyer from the Santa Clara Valley Water District which reported the status of its flood control project on the Guadalupe River and impacts to Hwy 237.

8. **Chair Report** – No Report.
9. **Member Comments** – Vice Chair Cordero noted the service road on the east bank of the Guadalupe River (between Coleman and Airport Parkway) has been fenced closed. He asked if it could be re-opened.
10. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8.15 PM.

**Next Meeting:** March 13, 2006.

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